

Hinderliter for his outstanding service as the President and CEO of the Kankakee Regional Chamber of Commerce. During his impressive 20 years as the head of the Association, Dave oversaw the creation of many successful programs and organizations, leading to recognition and four star accreditation of the Association by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Dave began his service at the Association as the Ambassador to the Chamber and served multiple terms as the Chairman of the Government Affairs Committee of the Illinois Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives. In this position, he led the effort to create a very successful Illinois Chamber Executive education program.

While Dave's accomplishments as Executive have been many, his service to the Association represents only a portion of his service to the profession and the community. Often deflecting credit for success to those with whom he serves, Dave represents the epitome of leadership, enabling others around him to excel and succeed. In addition to his commitment to the Kankakee business community, Dave also finds time to coach his children's soccer teams and lead his son's Scout troop. He is a devoted husband to Diane Hinderliter, and father to Andrew, Amanda, and Cameron Hinderliter.

Once again, I am humbled to honor Dave for his distinguished service to the Association, the Chamber community, and the people and business owners of the Kankakee Region and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO TEREZIA WILSON

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 24, 2012

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ms. Terecia Wilson on the occasion of her retirement from the South Carolina Department of Transportation. Since 1984, Ms. Wilson has worked to improve highway safety in South Carolina, and as a result of her extraordinary service, all South Carolinians are safer on our state's roads. She has been an invaluable resource to me and my staff over the years, and we will miss working with her.

Most recently, Ms. Wilson has served as Training, Safety and Security Program Manager for the Office of Public Transit in the Division of Intermodal and Freight Programs for the South Carolina Department of Transportation, SCDOT, managing the statewide Rural Transit Assistance Program. From 1999 to 2007, Ms. Wilson served as Director of Safety at SCDOT. In this capacity, she developed, implemented, and administered roadway and occupational safety programs to improve safety for highway workers and drivers alike, as well as administering management, claims, and toll operations for the agency. Before joining SCDOT, she served at the South Carolina Department of Public Safety, where she, among other responsibilities, coordinated the 402 State and Community Highway Safety Program, managed numerous successful highway safety public information and education programs, and sought and secured millions of dollars in needed funding.

Ms. Wilson's many years of service have produced impressive results. South Carolina's mileage death rate plummeted from 3.7 per 100 million miles of travel in 1986 to its lowest recorded level of 1.65 in 2010. In 2005, Ms. Wilson worked closely with state legislators when they passed primary seat belt legislation; in 2008, South Carolina's safety belt usage rate climbed to 79 percent, the highest rate ever recorded. SCDOT's High Visibility Work Zone Safety Program had dramatic results during its three-year duration from 2002 to 2005, with a 39.2 percent reduction in work zone crashes, a 44.1 percent reduction in work zone injuries, and a 50 percent reduction in work zone fatalities. It is no exaggeration to say that Ms. Wilson's work has saved lives.

Throughout her career, Ms. Wilson has garnered national recognition for her able service. In 1991, she received a Special Recognition Award from the National Traffic Safety Administration, NTSA, for promoting and implementing a statewide education and enforcement campaign. In 1992 and 1999, she received the NTSA's National Award for Public Service. She received the Award of Merit from the National Sheriffs' Association in 1993 for promoting and implementing the Rural Sheriffs' Traffic Safety Initiative. In 2004, she was named the winner of the President's Transportation Award by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials. Three years later, the "Let'em Work, Let'em Live" campaign, which Ms. Wilson directed, was awarded the National Roadway Safety Award by the Federal Highway Administration and National Roadway Safety Foundation. South Carolinians are proud to see one of our own, so well regarded by her colleagues around the country, and we are fortunate that her exemplary service has been to our benefit.

Ms. Wilson is a proud wife and mother, and I know that she is looking forward to being able to spend more time with her family in retirement. Mr. Speaker, I ask that the House join me in congratulating Ms. Terecia Wilson on this well-deserved retirement. I wish her good health and godspeed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 24, 2012

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote Nos. 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote Nos. 152, 153, 158, 159, 160, 161, 163, 169, 171, 175, 176. I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote Nos. 154, 155, 156, 162, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 170, 172, 173, 177.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 24, 2012

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 177 I inadvertently missed the vote on rollcall No. 177. I intended to vote "no."

Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ASIAN PACIFIC STATE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 24, 2012

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the California Asian Pacific State Employees Association, and their members, as they gather to raise scholarship funds for local high school students. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this generous organization.

The Asian Pacific State Employees Association was founded in 1975 with the goal of assisting its members while they work for the State of California, and to encourage state employees to give back through a variety of community projects. Located in all of the major urban centers in the state, APSEA's members work for a wide variety of California government agencies.

APSEA's annual scholarship dinner raises funds and recognizes numerous young men and women who are involved in rigorous academic studies, dedicate their time to Asian and Pacific Islander causes, or are involved with the Ronald McDonald House Charity. This dinner has provided additional scholarship funds for many local students who are committed to making their community better.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to celebrate this fantastic organization, their members, and their annual dinner. They are a shining example of community service and community pride. I am confident that APSEA will continue the tradition of giving selflessly and helping others with their organization and events, and I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring their outstanding commitment to their community and their continued work to help students succeed.

STOP DENYING THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 24, 2012

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, today marks the 97th Anniversary of the terrible period of atrocities committed against the Armenian people by the leaders of the Ottoman Empire and immediate subsequent Turkish government that is known as the Armenian Genocide.

Every year I have been in Congress, I have marked this solemn anniversary remembering the victims of this genocide and the expulsion of tens of thousands of Armenians from their homes and homeland, and honoring the survivors of one of the greatest tragedies of the 20th Century. These survivors and their descendants have helped awaken and teach the world to the horrors of genocide and the necessity of standing up to the forces of denial.

This year, however, Mr. Speaker, I come before this House angry and frustrated by the